Title:	Roundtable on Chemical Emergency Preparedness: Key Issues on Safety & Health and Risk Communication
Session Type:	Interactive Session (90 minutes)
Session Type (Second Choice):	Roundtable Discussion (45 minutes)
Session Description:	Representatives from state, local and federal agencies formed the Interstate Chemical Terrorism Workgroup (ICTW) in 2002 to share knowledge, materials and resources for chemical and all-hazards terrorism preparedness. The ICTW members represent a range of public health administrative and technical disciplines from 48 States. The ICTW primarily shares information through monthly conference calls and newsletters, with archived information on the CDC Epi-X Forum. Facilitating awareness and information exchange between partners continues to be a priority for the group.
	A national conference, "Risk Communication Needs in a Chemical Event," was held in conjunction with the CDC in February 2004. Proceedings from that workshop were published in the J. of Emergency Management (4(2): 37-47, 2006). Products from the workshop were included as core competencies for public health emergency preparedness and chemical fact sheet templates for 1st responders, medical providers, public/press, and local public health agencies. Another frequently utilized resource developed by the ICTW is the InfoMatrix, an information matrix of URLs and key phone numbers, which is updated regularly. (http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2945_5105-98025,00.html).
	Today's session will provide Summit attendees an opportunity to share current needs, challenges, and accomplishments related to safety & health and risk communication during a chemical emergency with representatives from the ICTW. ICTW representatives will share current knowledge of existing resources and provide an open dialogue to gain additional insight on needed resources. Today's roundtable will provide direction for the ICTW to identify and host additional partners for inclusion in ICTW conference calls and newsletters.
Objective 1:	Identify resources, materials, and tools currently available to assist in emergency preparedness.
Objective 2:	Describe key issues regarding safety & health (community and workforce) and risk communication in preparation for a chemical emergency that are common among other Summit attendees/jurisdictions.
Objective 3:	Describe a process to present chemical emergency preparedness challenges to a larger pool of public health professionals to gain insight, recommendations, and/or resources to effectively and efficiently overcome the challenges.
Objective 4:	
Goals Met:	goal2 goal4

Goal 1: Identify at least 3 key priority areas or issues for advancing the field of public health preparedness

Goal 2: Identify at least 3 areas or issues that present significant challenges for sustaining public health preparedness at the local, state, or national level.

Goal 3: Identify at least 2 evidence-based or evidence-informed tools or resources that will enhance their professional work or volunteer role in planning for, responding to, or recovering from disasters and other public health emergencies.

Goal 4: Develop a network of professional colleagues who share a commitment to improving, enhancing, and sustaining the public health response to disasters.

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